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## *President's Message*



It's a matter of days until the end of another school year. I hope it has been a happy and successful one for you and your students. I would like to express my appreciation to UATFACS for filling my year with remarkable opportunities. Serving as President Elect and President the past two years has broadened my understanding of our profession, and my circle of friends. I would encourage any of you who are able to serve on the UATFACS board. I know my small efforts have been richly rewarded, perhaps best of all with a deeper appreciation of what we do as Family and Consumer Sciences Educators.

One opportunity I have enjoyed is reading your evaluations of our Mid-Winter conference. This process is both insightful and entertaining. I would like to assure you that when you give your feedback at the FACS conferences throughout the year, they are read and taken seriously. In fact, much of our board meeting following the conference is devoted to addressing the comments you give. There are some comments we see year after year that cannot be helped, such as the starting time or the two-day nature of the conference (both of these allow us to receive university credit). However, other comments give us great ideas, like providing chocolate in our sessions (I was inspired!).

I would like to point out a few things that will prove to make your feedback even more helpful. First, and most importantly, be specific. For example, we can do less with the comment "provide more variety" or "more hands-on classes" than we can with a specific and detailed comment of "I would like a class about ways to teach furniture construction and styles in Interior Design." Another tip is to think of solutions. If there is something you do not like about the conference, how would you prefer it to be? Please, keep giving us your great ideas. If you think of something wonderful when you do not have an evaluation form in front of you, mention it to a board member (or become one!). After all, our purpose is to help and support you.

Again, thank you for all that you do to serve your students and schools. We look forward to seeing you at the USOE Summer FACS Conference!

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**Please read the following information about candidates for UATFACS board. We will be voting at Summer Conference.**

## ***PRESIDENT ELECT***

### ***Sue Schumacher***

I have been teaching Foods and ProStart for 19 years at Pleasant Grove High. I have five children, 4 married and one at USU. I love to travel (daughter and grandchildren in Switzerland!), read mysteries and cooking magazines, sew, ride horses and go white water rafting with my family. I enjoy the out-of-doors and playing with our horses, dogs and cats. We enjoy entertaining and remodeled our home to accommodate large gatherings. I have a masters' equivalency in Culinary Arts through Alpine School District. I have served on numerous committees in my school and district. I have been membership chair for UATFACS for 2 years and am currently serving on the NATFACS board.



I feel it is very important to be involved in a professional organization. UATFACS is very active in representing our teachers. We encourage our members to stay up to date and involved in national and local Family and Consumer Science politics and education. I would be honored to serve as your President Elect for the coming year.

### ***Susan Smith***

I grew up on a ranch in Idaho and only went to college to please my mother. "I was going to be a stay at home mom." I taught my first year in Burlington, Wyoming just to pay off my student loans and then quit. I worked in a resort east of Yellowstone one summer and then went on a health mission to Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua and Honduras.

I received my associate from Rick's College, my BS in Home Economics Education from BYU, my Spanish Endorsement from Weber State, and my Master's in School Counseling from USU.

After staying home for 6 years, I went back to substitute teaching. I loved it. After 5 years, I went back to full-time teaching.

I have been teaching for 19 years at Grantsville High School. I have taught Foods I, II, ProStart, Clothing I, Child Development, Child Care, Interior Design, Teen Living, Adult Roles, ARFL, and Spanish and next year I get to try Fashion Strategies.

My hobbies include reading, cooking, music, traveling (I've always got a new trip in the plans) and Scouting. (I've been on the Scout Committee for 20 years, but that is understandable with 4 boys.)



## SECRETARY

### *Mary Baker*

Mary has taught at Alta High School for the past eight years. She teaches Sports Sewing I, Sports Sewing II, and Designer Sewing. The curriculum in the Designer Sewing classes includes: a lined project, children's clothing, recycling an existing piece of clothing, and home deco with an emphasis on quilting.

Mary received her Bachelors degree from Brigham Young University. Upon returning to teaching, she received her Masters degree from Utah State.

Mary, her husband Jeff, their four sons, Ryan, Brad (and wife Becky), Matt, and Mike (and wife Livia) enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, gardening, and biking. What else are you supposed to do with these five guys? Mary's relaxation and getaway from school and family is her love of quilting and sewing.



### *Melinda Draschil*

Melinda Draschil is coming up on her third year teaching at Dixon Middle School. She teaches TLC and Exploratory Foods. FCCLA is what keeps her busy most of the year along with volunteering at the Utah State Hospital. Melinda is putting together a "Healthy Ambush" for the teachers at her school, which involves monthly goals and prizes to get the staff at Dixon to wash their hands, walk and eat more healthily, just to name a few.

In the evenings you will find her keeping up with "24", "Lost", and "The Office." She would love to represent you as the UATFACS secretary!



Accept that some days you're the  
pigeon, and  
some days you're the statue!



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## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

### *Vivien Brown*

Vivien Brown originally comes from Cambridge, England, but she has lived in the U.S. for more than half her life. She graduated from BYU in 1991 after having four children and returning to school to finish her degree. After teaching Child Development at American Fork High School for two years, she transferred to Lehi High where she taught Foods for six years. She is currently in her seventh year at Lone Peak High teaching Adult Roles and Child Development. She loves it. She has served on the UATFACS board as the newsletter editor for the past two years and has enjoyed it so much she's decided to run again.



Vivien lives in Orem with her husband. All of her kids are grown. Two are married (but no grandkids yet). In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, taking classes at BYU, and doing family history research. She loves the theatre and is somewhat of an "oldies music" junky.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Nutrition and Food Science Workshop** is June 11-12, 2007 at Riverton High School
- **FACS Summer Conference** is June 13-14, 2007 at Riverton High School

**Address for Riverton High School:** 12476 South 2700 West, Riverton, UT

**Registration:** From 7:00 a.m.-7:45 a.m.

- **TLC Summer Conference** is June 15, 2007 at Murray High School

**Address for Murray High School:** 5440 South State Street, Murray, UT



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Becky Cox who was recently elected to serve as Family and Consumer Sciences vice president on the ACTE Board of Directors. Thanks to all of you who voted for Becky. We know Family and Consumer Sciences will be well represented on the National Level.

Becky lives in Provo and teaches Food 1 and 2, ProStart, and Child Care at Lone Peak High School. She is also CTE Department Chair at Lone Peak. She is one amazing lady! Way to go Becky!

